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find that he sympathises much more closely with Garrison and his school, than I could wish. I may possibly come into collision with him in the management of our paper, but I hope not. I consider myself as having the control of the paper, and it will not go into any other hands, at least this year. I should be glad to have any suggestions from you, as to its style, management &c. It is doing I have reason to believe great good.

I intend to make some remarks on the article of Johnsons to which you refer. The length of the articles on our inside from to day, which was altogether unexceptional, has excluded every thing else. I should be glad to have you send us an article occasionally, if you have leisure, at any rate let me have the benefit of your advice, whenever you see anything that requires attention.

Yours truly Mr Smyth

P.S. Mrs Phelps sends her love to Mrs Phelps, she is rejoicing very much that you and I are "pulling together again" as she expresses it, ~~as~~ She was tremendously afraid at one time, that we should go off on different tracks, I never had any fear on that account myself however. I shall keep the postscript on this letter, which will make us even at that soon. In future I think this formerly hard letter will much more dispense with.

defence of this position, I will go with you to the  
"but end". I like the spirit of Massachusetts ab-  
olitionism, - It is energetic, and exhibits its faith  
by good works. If it could only be cleared of  
the loco-focoism of some of its supporters, it would  
be just the thing. But your influence is tremen-  
dously diminished, depended upon it, by the extrav-  
agances of Garrison, Johnson, Wright &c. I wish  
you were well clear of them. I hope the time  
is not distant, when you will have control of the  
Liberator or some other paper, that will go straight  
ahead with abolitionism, and confine itself to that  
one object.

Gov Brent, you will see, in his letter in our Ad-  
vocates of to-day, has given us a thrust for the  
encouragement given by us as a party to some  
of the disorganizing doctrines of the Liberator. This  
letter by the way is a grand one, frank, free  
and enflamed. You will see by this paper also  
that Codding has had a fine victory at Calais;  
the account falls far below the reality, it is a  
splendid affair for us and will do great good.  
He is now in New, another hot bed of opposition,  
and I hope will succeed as well there. We  
expect much from his efforts. He is perfectly  
safe as a lecturer, though in conversation

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Dear Bro Phelps,

Yours of the 4th was duly received. I was very glad to see your article in the Liberator in regard to Johnson's speech at orthodoxy. It was well timed and has evidently done good. Johnson's defense was rather lame. I think he will look out however a little better for the future. In regard to the woman question, I think we had better oppose it in whatever shape it comes, literally or indirectly. I perceived the new issue that the women-men are about to make on the question, and I think, under existing circumstances, that we had better oppose them then also. I should have been willing heretofore, from respect to our members of the society of Friends, to suffer their women occasionally, if impelled by the spirit to speak in our meetings, but I should object to this now. The woman-question is now up for discussion, and any concession of this kind, would in fact be giving up the point in controversy. I think the ground stated in your letter is the true one, viz, that in the formation of our A. S. Societies, it was not intended that women should have the right to vote, make speeches &c, and in